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An Coimisiún Pleanála

64 Marlborough Street
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A chara,

I wish to make an observation on the appeal of the proposed development at Bessborough.

This is a site that saw the deaths of 923 children, yet only 64 burials have been accounted for. It is incomprehensible that any development would go ahead until a full excavation has been completed.

Planning permission has been refused at the site multiple times since 2021 due to the lack of clarity regarding the whereabouts of the remains of children and mothers who were confined at Bessborough Mother and Baby Home. The current application fails to effectively address grounds of refusal on the previous decisions on the site.

This development should not go ahead. The events that took place at Bessborough are a stain on Irish history. To build on this site before a full excavation is completed only further adds to this stain.

Please acknowledge my submission and advise if any decision made.

Sincerely,

Aileen Spitere